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SUBJECT: RAMON TAMAMES' VISA--PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: MADRID 7381

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO QUERIES FROM THE PRESS ABOUT
RAMON TAMAMES (REF), BUT HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING
PRESS GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL USE IF QUESTIONS ARISE.

2. " THE VISA FOR RAMON TAMAMES WAS ISSUED BACK IN 1972
AND PLACED IN A SPANISH PASSPORT VALID UNTIL 1977.
IT WAS A BUSINESS AND TOURISM VISA (B1/B2) ISSUED
FOR INDEFINITE VALIDITY ON THE BASIS THAT HE WAS GOING
TO THE UNITED STATES FOR TOURISM AND STUDY. IN SIGNING
HIS VISA APPLICATION HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT AND
HAD NOT BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY." WE RECEIVED
NO PRIOR INFORMATION THAT HE HAD BEEN INVITED
TO THE UNITED STATES AND ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS
ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THOSE INVITING
HIM. WE ARE NOT SURE WHICH GROUPS ARE INVOLVED."

3. "HAD WE KNOWN OF HIS TRIP, WE WOULD HAVE INDEED
ENCOUNTERED A PROBLEM FOR IT HAS RECENTLY BECOME A MATTER
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OF PUBLIC RECORD THAT RAMON TAMAMES IS A MEMBER AND

LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. ACCORDING TO OUR IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, HE IS INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA. AND SHOULD HE WISH TO GO TO THE STATES AGAIN, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE REGULATIONS WHICH GOVERN SUCH CASES."

4. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION 'WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT NOW?' ANSWER: ' THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON TO DECIDE. "

5. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY " IS IT TRUE THAT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND/OR THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IS SPONSORING HIS TRIP?" ANSWER: "WE CANNOT CONFIRM IF EITHER ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED." STABLER

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